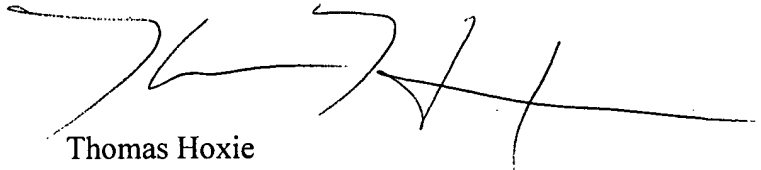


**Remarks/Arguments**

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to reduce the number of independent claims. No new matter has been added.

Applicant earnestly solicits early examination and allowance of these claims. In the event there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'THOXIE', written over a horizontal line.

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